

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claims 1-26 are allowed as amended for the reasons set forth in the last office action mailed May 01, 2008, wherein claims 1-25 were allowed, and claim 27 was objected to and indicated to be allowable. Claim-26 as amended incorporates the limitation of allowable Claim-27.

The examiner finds the limitation of "negligible amount of oxygen" in claims 1, 14 and 26 to be definite as a person of ordinary skilled in the art working on thin films of MgB₂ dealing with the vaporization and deposition of elements in UHV and HV equipment would know this limitation.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to KALLAMBELLA VIJAYAKUMAR whose telephone number is (571)272-1324. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 07-3.30.

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/Stanley Silverman/

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